Seven Basic General Industry Safety Rules Stats and Facts

FACTS

The following were the top 10 most frequently cited standards by Federal OSHA in fiscal year 2019:

1. Fall protection, construction
2. Hazard communication standard, general industry
3. Scaffolding, general requirements, construction
4. Control of hazardous energy (lockout/tagout), general industry
5. Respiratory protection, general industry
6. Ladders, construction
7. Powered industrial trucks, general industry
8. Fall Protection—Training Requirements
9. Machinery and Machine Guarding, general requirements
10. Eye and Face Protection

STATS

General Workplace Injury Statistics

- Worker injuries and illnesses are down-from 10.9 incidents per 100 workers in 1972 to 2.8 per 100 in 2017 (OSHA).
- Nearly one-third of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses resulted in days away from work (BLS).
- An American is accidentally injured every second by a preventable event (NSC).
- 33% of people suffer from excessive pressure in their job (GWI).
- 15% of all workers’ compensation costs are spent on workers who were injured while at a construction site (WCB).
- OSHA believes that about half of serious injuries that occur at workplaces are still going unreported (LDG Law).

- 50% in a 2016 national safety poll say safety meetings are held less often than they should be.
- 39% in a 2016 national safety poll think management does the minimum required by law to keep employees safe (NSC).
- 36% in a 2016 national safety poll say safety takes a backseat to completing job tasks efficiently.
- 30% in a 2016 national safety poll say they are too afraid to report safety issues (NSC).